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METHOD OF ISOLATING A NUCLEIC ACID

the specification of which was filed on December 11, 2000, as United States non-provisional application U.S.S.N. 09/735,099.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.



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